

BASSETLAW & DISTRICT CRICKET LEAGUE

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Tuesday, 14th March 2006 at 7.15pm.

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs. J. A. Bennett (President), G. Holden, S. Brown, G. Evans, G. Jones, T. Haywood, D. Graney

Present: Messrs. J. C. Garton (Chairman), M. J. Smedley, P. Neale, C. Drury, C. Adwick, M. Daniels, G. France, K. Lound, J. B. Wilson, J. Heaman, , G. Pym, K. Board, J. Leaning, C. R. Martin (Secretary).

The **Minutes of the last Meeting** were passed and signed as a true record.

Matter Arising. A cheque had been received from Ezra Sugden for sponsorship of the 2005 Tomlins Trophy competition. Tony Wilkinson had accepted the invitation to chair the Annual Dinner in the unavoidable absence of the President, Alan Bennett. A copy of the notes for the presentation of the ECB Club Development seminar had been provided and would be studied before the next meeting.

Correspondence. A newspaper article reporting on a cash incentive being made to clubs in the South Yorkshire League who provide umpires was read out. John Leaning reported that though there were 98 umpires in the 2006 Handbook, 8 or 9 would be officiating Premier League matches and, on most playing dates the number available was in the 70's with only Divisions One to Five likely to get two umpires. 16 or 17 clubs had failed to nominate anyone and the Chairman asked for Umpire Recruitment to be an agenda item at the April meeting. The Bassetlaw & District Umpires' Association would not make any further reference to the Management Committee regarding the its dispute with the former secretary of Anston C.C. following the investigation into remarks made by an umpire to an Anston player. A response from Retford C.C. following a letter to them concerning penalties imposed for playing an ineligible player was read out. Further information concerning the AGM of the Derbyshire Cricket Board and the welfare requirements for overseas players/coaches had been received. IOG courses would be held at Mansfield Hosiery Mills on 2nd April and 24th September and the Notts. Cricket Board would subsidise one member per club £25 towards the cost of £60. A list of CRB requirements for all clubs had been received from the Yorkshire Cricket Board. The AGM and Quarterly Meeting of the League Cricket Conference would be held at Middleton C.C. on 18th March and the Secretary would attend. PA Sport had requested fixtures for the teletext results service which Dougie Meldrum would be running covering Divisions One and Two. Information concerning fund-raising curry nights was passed to Malcolm Daniels who expressed an interest. Registrations: F. Khan (Waleswood), P. S. Liyanage (Killamarsh), G. Yelland (Marshalls) and, at the close of the meeting, R. Stroh (Cuckney).

Finance. The Hon. Treasurer, Peter Neale, reported a balance of £4267.27. He stated that the insurance was now in place, that cheques of £500 for Basford Mill (Sportsmanship Award), £300 and £100 for Blidworth Welfare C.C. and Cutthorpe C.C. respectively, arising from the Tomlins Trophy, had been raised. Invoices to the clubs were being prepared and 8 clubs were each fined £15 for having failed to return trophies well after the due date. There had been a number of changes in Handbook advertising, including the withdrawal of North Notts. Newspapers. A vote was taken to determine the amount of the annual donation to be made to the Bassetlaw & District Junior League, with £200 being decided upon.

Annual Dinner. The Secretary reported that almost all of the 225 tickets usually allocated had been taken up. He had spoken with Alan Bennett, who would be submitting a statement he wished to be read out during the speeches, and who had invited all the Management team to have a drink prior to the meal at his expense. It was agreed that Bernie Jarvis be invited to accept the Past President's tankard and tie on Alan's behalf. The various duties and responsibilities necessary at the dinner were allocated.

Mallen Trophy. 10 of the 16 clubs who had shown interest in a Twenty20 competition had attended a meeting held at Worksop Cricket Club on Thursday, 23rd February and Teversal C.C. had subsequently been replaced by Edwinstowe C.C.. The meeting had proved very positive, a few minor rule changes made, groups decided upon with clubs to arrange their own fixtures and the order of matches drawn. All group matches must be completed by Sunday, 25th June with the Semi-Finals and Final to be held on Sunday, 2nd July at two venues to be decided.

Reports of Meetings. Nottinghamshire Cricket Board: Concern had been expressed at a meeting of the Development Committee that the cost of attending coach training courses would be likely to be £150 to £200 in future. District cricket was increasing but there were problems in deciding whether the criteria for selection should be by the home, club, or school address.

League Administration. The Secretary presented a paper concerning the future administration of the League. It was agreed that Finance, Fixture-Making and Appointment of Umpires were clearly defined areas, each successfully being covered. Results / Statistics / Publicity had worked well, but the Chairman urged that someone other than the Secretary should take on the post of Statistician for Divisions 6-10. It was suggested that a Registrar oversee the running of the Registration system and administer transfers between clubs and this would be discussed further. The main responsibilities undertaken by the current Secretary had been categorised as follows: General; AGM including compiling the annual report; Annual Dinner; League Handbook; Cup Competitions. It was agreed that organisation of the Annual Dinner, and editing the League Handbook, were two areas which could be passed to others if so desired, as could the statistical section of the annual report. It was suggested that every effort be made to identify a Secretary designate as soon as possible, particularly if it needed to be from outside the current management team, and the appointment of an Assistant Secretary who might undertake some of the general administrative duties be considered.

The **Date of the next Meeting** was confirmed as Tuesday, 11th April 2006 at Worksop Cricket Club at 7.15pm

Any other business. It was agreed not to re-issue the large Code of Conduct / Spirit of Cricket posters as clubs should have a good supply of them from past years. The Chairman invited those present to enjoy a slice of chocolate cake to celebrate his recent 70th birthday.

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8.50pm.

Signed Date